

Fair tonight and Thursday.  
Warmer Thursday.

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## GAS FIGHT ON IN FULL FORCE; MUCH INTEREST

Letters, Cards, and Telephone Calls Congratulate Times for Its Policy.

Times Expert Will Attend Citizens' Meetings and Discuss Conditions.

Public interest in the fight for curbing the gas monopoly is developing with a rapidity that even the most ardent advocates of the people's rights had not anticipated. Many letters, postal cards, and personal calls have come to The Times and to John MacVicar, the expert engaged by The Times, commending both for the work that has been undertaken. The District Commissioners and Corporation Counsel Thomas are coming in for many expressions approving their determination to stand by the public and the fight to a finish.

Invited to Meetings. Several other associations have asked Mr. MacVicar to attend meetings at early dates, and gatherings are being arranged in different parts of town to hear of gas conditions here and elsewhere.

The Times last evening announced that it would receive contributions to a fund to pay the cost of expert witnesses for the District in the pending proceedings relative to valuation of the gas plants. This newspaper headed the subscription with a \$200 donation, and almost before the first edition was on the street the first contribution came. It was a check for \$3, inclosed in a letter which read:

"Enclosed please find my check for \$3, being my contribution toward The Times fund to help pay for expert testimony in the gas fight. Your valued assistance in keeping this matter before the public is greatly appreciated by the large number of people who know what the name is, and who will not be slow to remember the services rendered by The Times in this matter. J. H. C."

Guarantee Expenses. In connection with this fund to pay expert witnesses, it is proper to say that The Times has given Corporation Counsel Thomas its guarantee that the expenses of the witnesses will be paid. If the people do not take enough interest to help raise the fund, The Times will pay the bills. Mr. Thomas is not going to be handicapped in his fight against the swollen bank account of the gas monopoly, for want of honest experts. Steps are now being taken to engage the right men for the coming hearings on the value of the Washington Gas Company.

The Times is in this fight to stay, and is going to see it through, whatever the expense or difficulty. It is willing, if necessary, to pay the \$2,000 or thereabouts for expert testimony, in order to assure that the public's side will get a fair statement. But none the less, The Times hopes the people of Washington will send contributions to the fund.

In no other way can they prove their interest in the struggle. The Times doesn't need the money, but the cause needs the evidence of popular support. Four hundred subscriptions of \$5 each would be worth vastly more than two of \$200 each. Two thousand of \$1 each would be worth more still. Prove your interest by sending a contribution. This is your fight, and now is the time to get an interest in it. Come in and show The Times that you are with it in the effort to improve conditions. Buy a share in the fight, even if it's only a small one. You will be a better fighter, and there's going to be work for all the fighters.

## THE WEATHER REPORT.

Temperatures are considerably higher in the Mississippi and Missouri valley, and the Southwest, and lower in the upper Ohio valley and Tennessee.

The Northwest and Southwest disturbances will advance eastward, causing unsettled, rainy weather tonight and Thursday in the East and South, although in the Middle Atlantic States present conditions indicate little or no precipitation.

Temperatures will be higher. Storm warnings are displayed on the upper lakes, except at Duluth, and on Lake Erie.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have fresh west to southwest winds, with clearing weather, to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.  
12 noon.....47  
1 p. m.....48  
2 p. m.....51

SUN TABLE.  
Sun sets today.....4:40  
Sun rises tomorrow.....5:56

TIDE TABLE.  
High water today.....1:15 p. m.  
Low water today.....7:35 p. m.  
High water tomorrow.....1:30 a. m., 2:35 p. m.  
Low water tomorrow.....8:20 a. m., 8:45 p. m.

Thanksgiving Day  
And the Washington Cup race always come together. Seven races at Benning on Thursday. Two of them steeplechases. Adv.

## THREE ARRESTS FOR MURDER OF MRS. HAMILTON

Woman Murdered in Cold Blood at Her Home Last Night.

Holmes Did Not Want to Marry Woman, Her Mother Says.

### Description of Harry Holmes

The following description of Harry L. Holmes, alias Duckey, alias Schryogle, the man who is wanted for the murder of Mrs. Mary Hamilton, has been given to the police:  
Age, twenty-eight years.  
Weight, 135 to 150 pounds.  
Height, five feet, six inches.  
Complexion, dark.  
Hair, dark brown, glossy.  
Face, clean shaven, heavily pitted by smallpox.  
Mole under right eye.  
All of upper front teeth missing except one in middle.  
Horse's head and the initials "H. L. H." tattooed on right forearm.  
Slightly bow-legged.  
Was bareheaded and wore no coat when he disappeared.

Three men, all answering in a general way the description of Harry L. Holmes, who shot and killed his former sweetheart, Mrs. Mary Hamilton, at her home, 1423 Duncan street northeast, last night, have been arrested at Harpers Ferry, and are being held for the Washington police. Detective Baur has been sent there by Captain Boardman in the hope of identifying one of them as the slayer.

In the meantime practically the entire force of two precincts, and several detectives, are putting forth every effort to capture the former marine. The vast common sleeping down to the Anacostia river, in the rear of the house, where the murder was committed, has been searched and researched by the officers, and all houses in which friends of the hunted man reside, have been ransacked from top to bottom.

Mother Hysterical.

Mrs. Annie Groves, the aged mother of the slain woman, who was in the room at the time of the fatal shooting, was hysterical and incoherent this morning. Throughout the night she paced the floor incessantly, holding her hands to her head and moaning piteously. This morning she was even more nervous, and is on the verge of nervous collapse.

Mrs. Groves declares Holmes did not shoot her daughter because of the latter's refusal to marry him. The mother said this morning that Holmes, who is said to have borne an unsavory reputation, was drunk last night and shot Mrs. Hamilton in cold blood after he had been ordered to leave the house.

Holmes' picture is said to adorn the rogues' gallery in the Washington Detective Office, and many larcenies have been charged against him. Recently he was suspected of stealing a watch from a man's coat in the Lincoln Park car barns.

A warrant was secured for his arrest and placed in the hands of Policeman Gee for service. Gee, knowing Holmes lived in the Duncan street house, went there several times to arrest him. Each time the policeman called Mrs. Hamilton announced that Holmes was not in, and she refused to permit the policeman to enter her house.

Gee visited the house Monday to arrest Holmes, but he met with the same rebuff from the woman. Before leaving her, the policeman is said to have stated that if Holmes was not arrested before night the house would be raided and everyone in it sent to the workhouse. This alarmed and frightened Mrs. Hamilton.

Last evening she went to the home of Mrs. Emma Grant, 1421 Duncan street, to talk the matter over. While she was there Holmes is said to have staggered into the Grant home and commanded her to return home. Mrs. Hamilton went to her own home and sat down to talk to Holmes. She was

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The  
REAL  
"Boileau  
Girl"  
A  
Washington  
Beauty!  
Read  
The Sunday  
Times.

## Miss Edith Root Becomes Bride Today, Wedding Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant, 3d, In the Presence of Many Notable Guests

Bride—Miss Edith Root.  
Bridegroom—Lieut. U. S. Grant, third.  
Bridesmaid—Miss Ruth Wales.  
Best man—Potter Palmer, jr.  
Clergyman—The Rev. Herbert Shipman.  
Ushers—Lieut. Robert Ralston, Lieut. Marion Howze, Gustav Schwab, Edward McLean, Elihu Root, jr., and Edward W. Root.

LIEUT. U. S. GRANT 3RD,  
Son of Gen. and Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant.

MISS EDITH ROOT,  
Daughter of Secretary of State and Mrs. Elihu Root, and This Afternoon's Bride.



10,000 Gardenias.  
One of the most graceful and unique wedding gifts that has ever been seen in Washington is that which Capt. Parfio Diaz, corps of engineers of Mexico, and son of the President of Mexico, has sent to Miss Edith Root on the occasion of her wedding today. It is a mighty collection of white gardenias, 10,000 in all, and sent to this country by a special messenger.

MRS. FREDERICK D. GRANT,  
Mother of the Bridegroom and Sister of Mrs. Potter Palmer, of Chicago.

President Roosevelt  
Extends Greeting to  
Bridal Couple.

Many Distinguished  
Out-of-Town People  
Attend Ceremony.

Miss Edith Root, daughter of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Elihu Root, will be married this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Root residence, on Rhode Island avenue, to Lieut. Ulysses Simpson Grant, 3d.

The event is one of absorbing interest to society, both in America and abroad, as it will unite two of the most distinguished families of the United States as well as two young people of great personal popularity. It is also the culmination of a charming and interesting romance which had its inception and most of its setting in Washington.

For the wedding this afternoon the lower floor of the house will be tastefully decorated with white chrysanthemums and quantities of palms, and the ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Herbert Shipman, rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York city. The Rev. Mr. Shipman is a close friend of the bridegroom, having been chaplain at West Point during the young lieutenant's cadet days. Mr. Shipman is well known in Washington, being a frequent visitor during the winter to his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edison Bradley, prominent members of the New York colony of Washington.

Personnel of Wedding Party.  
Miss Root's bridal gown will be of white satin and rare old lace, and she will wear the conventional veil and carry the usual bridal bouquet. Miss Ruth Wales, of New York, cousin of the bride, will be her only attendant.

Lieutenant Grant will have his cousin, Potter Palmer, jr., of Chicago, as his best man. The ushers will be Lieut. Robert Ralston, Lieut. Marion Howze, Gustav Schwab, Edward McLean, Elihu Root, jr., and Edward W. Root. The two brother officers of the bridegroom, as well as all other guests from the Navy and Marine Corps who appear in uniform at the wedding, will wear the special full dress uniforms of their rank.

Secretary Root will give his daughter in marriage. An orchestra from the Engineer Corps' band at the Washington Barracks will furnish the music.

Following the ceremony a buffet collation will be served, and later Lieutenant Grant will take his bride for an extensive bridal trip before going to their future home at 42 Brington road, Brookline, Mass. He has obtained a six weeks' leave of absence.

The going away gown will be a tailored costume of herring-bone striped

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MRS. U. S. GRANT,  
Grandmother of Ulysses Grant 3rd.

ELIHU ROOT,  
Secretary of State, and Father of Bride.

MRS. ELIHU ROOT,  
Mother of the Bride.

GEN. FREDERICK D. GRANT,

## GRADE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT CAUSES KICKS

Leaders in the House of Representatives have agreed that they will follow, henceforward, a policy that will reduce and hold to a minimum the power wielded by chiefs of rooms and divisions in the executive departments of the Government in regard to the demotion and promotion of clerks.

These Representatives have become convinced that, in many instances, deplorable results have come from the power these chiefs have in affecting the salaries and positions of those under them.

Circumstantial stories have come to members of Congress with great frequency that there have been in the executive departments in many instances cases of unfair promotion owing to the partiality of the chiefs and undeserved demotions due to their prejudices.

Bill for Congress.  
In support of the new policy the House leaders will follow. It is interesting to note that, in all probability, a bill will be introduced in the new Congress for the establishment of an appointment and promotion board in each executive department, whose duty it shall be to

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## "DID YOU WASH?" WELL MANY DIDN'T; THEY SAID—HUSH!

"Good morning. Have you washed?" With this impertinent query were the residents of the northwest section of the city greeted upon their appearance among their fellowmen today.

Many acknowledged that they had not, adding in forceful language their opinion of a water main which decides upon 5:40 a. m. as an opportune time to retire from business.

The citizen and taxpayer arose this morning and went to the bathroom for his usual plunge and shave. Nothing doing. Not a drop of water was to be had and the resulting language was in many instances sufficient to melt the pipes.

Also the cook was not in the best of humor, and the absence of coffee from the breakfast table did not tend to add to the joyfulness of the occasion.

Unjust to Police.  
Many of the householders relieved their overburdened feelings by calling up Police Headquarters and demanding to know why they were deprived of water.

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## CHANCELLOR TRIAL RESUMED BY BOARD

Members of the Board of Education held the regular meeting, at which only routine business was transacted at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The meeting was adjourned an hour later.

At 2:30 o'clock the board resumed the trial of Dr. William E. Chancellor, Superintendent of Schools. Testimony was adduced this afternoon to prove the allegations of incompetence and inefficiency against the defendant. Subsequent to this testimony by the board will probably end this afternoon. The defense will begin taking testimony in refutation of these charges next Monday.

Commissioners Urged  
To Retain Chancellor  
As the Superintendent

The District Commissioners today received from the United German Societies a copy of their resolutions drafted on the school question of Washington. The resolutions express the wish of the societies to have Dr. William E. Chancellor retained as Superintendent of Schools.

Army-Navy Football—Special Trains  
And reduced rates to Philadelphia via Pennsylvania Railroad. Special train will leave Union Station 9:40 a. m., Saturday, November 30, arrive at the gates of Franklin Field 12:45 p. m. Returning leave Franklin Field after close of game.

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## MRS. BROWN ASSAULTED HER RIVAL

Startling Testimony  
Given in Rebuttal in  
Bradley Trial.

Government's Witnesses  
Turned to Defense's Account.

Attorney Christenson  
Declares Former Senator  
Denied Son Max.

Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky the evidence of one of the prosecution's star witnesses was turned against the Government on cross-examination this morning in the trial of Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, and the testimony adduced was little short of sensational, for in it Attorney Sorren Christenson, of Salt Lake City, declared that Arthur Brown had admitted the parentage of Mrs. Bradley's two little sons and denied that of Max Brown in an all-night conference at which Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bradley, Brown, and Christenson were present.

The attorneys for the defense were not slow to grasp the advantage gained, and further questioning brought out the fact that Mrs. Brown had previously attacked Mrs. Bradley upon the street, choked her, and declared that she wanted no interference so that "I may kill her." Another of the Government's witnesses, Archie Livingston, former secretary to Brown, admitted, after a merciful cross-examination, that he had repeatedly lied to Mrs. Bradley in order to hold his position in Brown's office.

Effect Startling.  
The effect of Mr. Livingston's statement was startling, and it did not come until Mr. Hoover had put the former secretary through a gunfire of questions concerning his negotiations with Mrs. Bradley while trying to get her to give up Brown. Mr. Livingston said that Mrs. Bradley was aware of the fact that he had told her untruths.

Mrs. Bradley was manifestly amused at this part of Mr. Livingston's testimony, and could not suppress a smile. During his examination and that of Sorren Christenson, who frequently traveled with Brown, Mrs. Bradley made repeated suggestions to her counsel, which were evidently followed out in their cross-examination of the witnesses. She looked better today than yesterday, and undoubtedly found much to interest her in the evidence given by the men who were so close to Brown, and who were so familiar with the details of their love affair.

Attorney Christenson said that he had been present one occasion in Pocatello, Idaho, when Mrs. Arthur Brown had twice assaulted Mrs. Bradley by choking her, and that when separated she had begged to be let alone in order that "I may kill her."

Denied His Son Max.

This, he said, was immediately preceding a seven-hour all-night conference in the same hotel of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bradley, Senator Brown and himself, in which conference Senator Brown had admitted that he was the father of Mrs. Bradley's two children, but denied the paternity of his son, Max Brown.

Mrs. Brown had retaliated by calling him a "low, vile, moral degenerate, a man who would deny his own son, and admit the parentage of two illegitimate children by this skunk"—pointing to Mrs. Bradley.

The Government struck a rather decisive blow when they recalled to the stand Asa B. Mosely, ticket agent who exchanged tickets for Mrs. Bradley at Ogden, who testified that she had made no portion of the round trip ticket given her with Brown's money from Salt Lake to Los Angeles, but instead, traveled to Ogden on cash fare. This is in direct conflict with the statement of Mrs. Bradley, who said that she turned back at Ogden on the impulse of the moment and had originally intended going through to Los Angeles.

Just before the noon recess the prosecution succeeded also in getting into evidence, after strenuous objection on the part of the defense, the statement made

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